

**From:** Mark Pomeroy  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 2:14 PM  
**Subject:** real democracy

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Dear Mr. Powell:

Please listen to the people.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Pomeroy

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**From:** Mariellen Harland  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, May 29, 2003 9:32 AM  
**Subject:** MONOPLY POWER

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WE DO NOT NEED TO HAVE FEWER COMPANIES OWN OUR PRESS!!! WHOSE POCKET ARE YOU  
IN??? STAND UP AND PROTECT OR FREEDOM OF PRESS!!!

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**From:** Marethehar@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, May 29, 2003 7:35 PM  
**Subject:** 96, 97, 98 Who cares?? Right?

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Mr. Powell,

Evidently, nothing, not even the overwhelming opposition of your constituents (the American people, in case you can't remember) can stop you from further deregulating our airwaves. We just don't have enough Clear, an oxymoron, Channels yet.

Pray tell, what exactly about Rupert Murdoch appeals to you? Certainly not his overwhelming sense of fair play. Or is that the reason you are so enamoured?

You are the son of a very good man. Why can't you emulate him?

Mary Steeb

**CC:** Leapinlousy@aol.com, mnetzer@caregroup.harvard.edu

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**From:** Marcia Downie  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 4:30 PM  
**Subject:** inaccessibility of your office to public comments

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This is to express my upset at being unable to register a public comment with your office regarding the vote on media consolidation.

Today I called your office at 202-418-1000 and received a recording that the ONLY way to file a public comment was on your web site under the filing public comments section and to click on ECFS. The voice mail said the mailbox was full so I could not leave a voice comment. (By blocking voice comments you are completely shutting out people who do not have access to the internet. I think this is very undemocratic, and hope you will reconsider this policy which serves to limit public comment.

I have access to the internet, so went to the web site and clicked on ECFS. but it would not open, no matter what I tried. Therefore, your office has effectively blocked all public comment at this time.

The purpose of my contact is to ask you to allow a REAL debate on something so important as media consolidation, and delay the rule change vote set for Monday so there can be a democratic debate about its consequences. Thank you for noting my request.

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**From:** Marcia  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 3:55 PM  
**Subject:** Arbitrary rule changes for media ownership

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Dear Commissioner Powell

Please postpone the new rules change on media ownership. The public needs to hear arguments pro and con on the changes. I can not believe you have had only one hearing. What are you afraid of?? Or, you are not interested in the democratic process? I would think you would appreciate the interest and input before a decision is made. I have heard one of your commissioners on C-Span give quite a vehement presentation of how the republican s are steamrolling the ruling. I have watched the McCann committee hearings and it's quite clear who wants the rule changes. 13 Of the 15 members opposed what you are doing which is cutting out public discussion.

Raymond Sobel  
Kinston, N.C.

**From:** lytsai@f2s.com  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 3:47 PM  
**Subject:** I support the FCC!

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Dear Sirs and Madam:

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I am an American. I have a Master's in Math and am a professional artist.

As an American born in the seventies, I have been witness to the gradual rise of the large media giants that has been due to the loosening of FCC regulations over the years. I have been increasingly concerned by the more and more jingoistic nature of the news reporting and abysmal quality of the broadcasting. This is what happens when big corporations take over.

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From what we can understand of the proposed changes (as debate has been kept off the corporate media), the changes that you are considering will lead to further consolidation. We have had to revert to websites such as mediatank and mediareform to get an idea of the real issues at stake. We have a right to get honest objective news from our televisions!

We, the people, want rules in place that serve the public, rather than private, interest. I oppose taking a vote that leads to more media consolidation. On June 2nd, I urge you to retain the current ownership rules for democracy's sake!

Sincerely,

Lun-Yi Tsai

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Everyone should have <http://www.freedom2surf.net/>

**From:** Penny Van Kampen  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 4:39 PM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

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Mr. Powell;

In the big picture, the people with the biggest microphone will have the most influence over American lives.

Who do you want that to be?

Penny Van Kampen  
Edina, Minnesota

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**From:** Pat Omalia  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 4:34 PM  
**Subject:** NO MORE

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Please do NOT ALLOW corporations to take over our great democracy. DO NOT ALLOW corporations to TAKE OVER MY AIRWAVES!!! I feel that many of our social problems stem from the belief that our citizens do not have respect for our laws. This is do to the fact that the government does not listen to its citizens. You have never had such a response to a subject that is your department's responsibility. Please listen to our outcries! We as a people do not want this, radio is bad enough. Learn your lessons from the deregulation of the radio industry and see that this is a terrible idea. LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE BEFORE YOU BREED MORE HATERED AND DISTRUST IN THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT! We have alienated our foreign allies with our recent unjust war in Iraq; do not alienate your citizens as well. The American government must learn that it cannot ignore the will of its neighbors and constituents without some repercussions.



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**From:** opa3612@bellsouth.net  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, May 22, 2003 8:44 PM  
**Subject:** Clear channel

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I never listen to a clear channel station (they're all the same crap anyway) except to wake up to. I find it so annoying that I get up and shut off the radio immediately! I also make it a point, whenever possible, never to buy the product of a clear channel sponsor. Have a nice day!

opa3612@bellsouth.net

**From:** Neil Payne  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 3:41 PM  
**Subject:** against deregulation

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Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, Martin, and Adelstein:

I am writing to urge the FCC to vote "no" on the proposed rule changes that would further deregulate our media market.

I am outraged that this is even being considered. It is my feeling that corporations have more than enough control over our airwaves.

Sincerely,  
Neil Payne  
1436 Meridian Pl. NW #304  
Washington DC 20010

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**From:** MMleten@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sat, May 24, 2003 1:48 PM  
**Subject:** Re: FCC rules

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Dear Mr. Powell:

As a voting citizen, I am very concerned about the new FCC ruling. Let us not make it any easier for the large corporations to envelop the smaller radio and TV stations. It's bad enough as it is. Please don't change it.....

Sincerely,

Mary L. Gronberg

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**From:** Rita Fisher  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 4:20 PM  
**Subject:** Possible media changes

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I am writing to express my concern about the possible changes in the television and radio industry. Please open this discussion to the public and let us know what the changes will do. If we have fewer owners of the media, how is the public able to get an alternative view? It seems that perhaps we are going in the wrong direction. To have knowledge, you must have access to more than one point of view. I will be watching this with interest. Rita Fisher

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**From:** Recycledx2@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, May 29, 2003 6:36 PM  
**Subject:** (no subject)

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DO NOT ALLOW THE CORPORATIONS TO HAVE ANY MORE POWER THAN THEY HAVE AT THE  
PRESENT TIME. THIS WILL THREATEN OUR DEMOCRACY  
EVERARD DODGE  
ROCKLAND, MAINE 04841

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**From:** Larry Wise  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernethy, Mike Powell  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 3:53 PM  
**Subject:** What about public domain.

Reading the FCC statement on modernization, I obviously missed two things:

1. Missed the statement about " Public Trust of a Public Domain"
2. Missed the comment about enriching the few who intend to dominate the electronic medium to gain wealth and power.

The following was an item in the statement, and if you feel the smut, pornography, violence, dominance of commercials, lack of civility on many talk shows is in the best interest of the public, then I fear you are paying little attention to public outcry against your plans to further deregulate the air waves.

"Encouraging the highest and best use of spectrum domestically and internationally,"

Commercial TV and Radio is a public disgrace, one that we should be ashamed of allowing the franchise of much of commercial tv for foreign markets.

Regards

Larry Wise  
S. Russell, OH  
44022

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**From:** JManz50106@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 4:02 PM  
**Subject:** (no subject)

Dear Commissioner Powell

Please be advised I am opposed to any change in the rules regarding media ownership. Please vote "no" on June 2nd. Thank You.

Respectfully,  
Joseph A. Manzione  
101 Stanford Ave.  
Colonia, NJ 07067

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**From:** Joan Kanwisher  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 9:23 AM  
**Subject:** allow public debate!

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please delay your rule change and allow enough time for real public debate.

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joan kanwisher, 10 bell tower lane, woods  
hole, ma02543

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**From:** Jobiggar@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 3:33 PM  
**Subject:** Impending rule

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Gentlemen:

Please allow me to add my voice to that of millions of people across the widest possible spectrum of opinion to say that I believe the upcoming rule is a disaster for the most basic of our liberties: freedom of speech. In this global age, we need more diversity, not less, more opinions, not fewer, more independent and original voices, and fewer conglomerates and consolidations. I just heard about the small, but telling case of Minot, ND, where local fire and police officials called the radio station to ask to put a safety bulletin out about a fire. But there was no one at the station, only a machine and a program run automatically from far away.

For the well-being of America, do not do this.

Respectfully,  
Joanna Biggar

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**From:** Joe Napolitano  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 10:59 PM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

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Why are you not opening these FCC rule changes to public debate? What are you afraid of Michael?  
Joseph Napolitano

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**From:** Joelle  
**To:** Mike Powell, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner  
Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 4:33 PM  
**Subject:** Comment About Potential Regulation Changes June 2

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Dear Chairman Powell, Commissioner Abernathy, Commissioner Copps, Commissioner Martin, and  
Commissioner Adelstein:

As the moment of decision about proposed changes to FCC media ownership regulations draws near, I wanted to express my deep opposition to changes that will encourage further media consolidation. If you support these regulation changes competition decrease between media outlets, the quality of news coverage will continue its downward slide, and finally it will undermine our democracy. Corporate interests already dominate our limited political debate in this country. As you make your decision I hope you will remember that you also represent the public interest. You are the last defense between just plain folks like me, and unbridled corporate power. I urge you to vote against the proposed changes to FCC ownership regulations.

Sincerely yours,

Joelle Brouner  
4338 S Bennett St.  
Seattle, WA 98118

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**From:** john  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 10:56 PM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

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Why does this administration continue to ignore the will of the people? Don't weaken the rules of the FCC!!!!!!

John J. Wilken

02-277

**From:** John Ackerman  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Tue, May 27, 2003 9:10 AM  
**Subject:** shame

I watched Bill Moyers' program and was alarmed at how much you have been taken over by the very firms you are supposed to regulate.

How about listening to the public more?

John Ackerman

02-277

**From:** John at SPS  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Wed, May 28, 2003 4:56 PM  
**Subject:** 'it's our responsibility not to govern by polls and surveys'

Are you kidding me Powell?

Do you seriously think that a democracy does not depend on polls?

What do you think this thing called 'voting' is all about? And what is another name for voting? Maybe 'polling?' Or 'polls?'

Yet there is no room for polling in your version of democracy?

You and Richard Perle need to take your nazi attitudes elsewhere. The people of America do not want you governing us this way.

John  
[johnc@spswebpage.com](mailto:johnc@spswebpage.com)  
<http://spswebpage.com>  
Please exercise your right to vote in 2004!  
Mr. Poindexter, please stop reading my email.

John's politically motivated question for the day 05-28-03:

A generally smart, well-educated friend of mine recently told me that he has so much confidence in the American system of democratic government that he does not feel the need to actively participate in it. Do you see the irony of this viewpoint? WV senator Robert Byrd writes: 'Dictators and despots triumph when the people become complacent, drop their guards, and leave government to "the powers that be." Remember, sheep could never be peacefully led to slaughter if they could ask where they were headed and get an honest answer.'

<http://www.moveon.org/moveonbulletin/bulletin15.html>

62-277

**From:** jlance  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 1:53 PM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

I strongly oppose the FCC rule change. Democracy and freedom of speech will forever be altered if this change occurs. Please consider the seriousness of these actions on forever altering our sources of information integrity.



**From:** JIMWiG  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 4:10 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Consolidation

Chairman Powell:

Please do not implement consolidation. There are many dangers involved that are not being addressed adequately. I saw you on TV and am still not convinced that you are moving in the right direction.

William Goldman  
Broadcast Major, BS in Communications, Syracuse University, 1964  
Member: Directors Guild of America  
MENSA

Resident of Montclair, NJ.